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2002 JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

- **Corn** planted area was estimated at 78.9 million acres, up 4 percent from 2001, but down 1 percent from 2000.
- ★ Soybean planted area was estimated at 73.0 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.
- ★ The Eight-State Burley Belt acres for harvest was estimated at 161,400 acres, down 2 percent from 2001, but 2 percent above March intentions.

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Farmers intend to plant less corn and soybean acreage and set less burley tobacco than last year. Planting this past spring was slowed by persistent rains that made most fields too wet to plant and resulted in flooded acreage along streams and rivers. Many crops were planted later than anticipated earlier this spring and some farmers when possible switched from planting corn to planting soybeans or sorghum. Some bottom land may not be planted to crops this summer. Burley acreage set will be down due to a reduction in marketing quota.

Farmers expect to set an estimated 104,000 acres of **burley** tobacco. This was down 1,000 acres from a year earlier and the smallest burley acreage on record. The acreage decrease resulted from a reduction in the effective poundage quota that farmers can sell. Acres set to dark tobacco was also down from the previous year at 8,300 acres, down 22 percent from the 2001 crop. **Dark fired tobacco** totaled 4,900 acres and dark air tobacco totaled 3,400 acres. There have been some problems with black shank and insects.

Corn planted was estimated at 1.16 million acres down 40,000 acres from a year earlier and the smallest acreage planted since 1972. Farmers had forecast in March that they had intended to plant 1.27 million acres. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 1.06 million acres, down 40,000 acres from the previous year. Grain acreage was the smallest since 1983. The spring planting season was hampered by persistent

rains. Some low lying fields were washed out and had to be replanted and farmers had difficultly getting into the fields to plant because of wet conditions.

Soybeans planted was estimated at 1.23 million acres, down 10,000 acres from the previous year, while up 60,000 acres from their intended acreage for March Intentions. Due to the lateness of the corn planting season, some acreage intended for corn was planted to soybeans. Soybean acres for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.21 million acres. As of June 23, 88 percent of the crop had been seeded, slightly behind last year while substantially ahead of the 5 year average. Farmers had been actively planting second crop soybeans following the harvest of winter wheat and barley.

Winter wheat acreage planted was unchanged from the March estimate of 550,000 acres. Harvested for grain acreage was estimated at 360,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from the current estimate. Acreage was reduced to account for farmers using wheat as a green cover crop prior to setting tobacco and harvesting wheat as grain hay. As of June 23, 75 percent of the State's wheat acreage for grain had been harvested with varying yields and test weights.

Alfalfa hay acreage remained unchanged from the 2001 crop at 250,000 acres. All other hay acreage was estimated at 2.10 million acres, unchanged from the previous year. Harvesting hay has been difficult due to frequent showers. Excessive moisture resulted in poor curing conditions and quality problems.

PLANTED & HARVESTED ACRES, JUNE 2002

	KENT	UCKY ACREA	GE	UNITED STATES ACREAGE			
		2002	2		2002		
CROPS	2001	Indi-	% of	2001	Indi-	% of	
23322		cated	2001		cated	2001	
	(1,000	Acres)		(1,000 .	Acres)		
All Corn (Pl)	1,200	1,160	97	75,752	78,947	104	
Corn for Grain (H)	1,100	1,060	96	68,808	72,081	105	
Soybeans (Pl)	1,240	1,230	99	74,105	72,993	98	
Soybeans for Beans	1,220	1,210	99	73,000	72,029	99	
All Sorghum (Pl)	11	12	109	10,252	9,290	91	
Sorghum for Grain (H)	10	11	110	8,584	7,908	92	
Hay:							
Åll	2,350	2,350	100	63,511	64,709	102	
Alfalfa	250	250	100	23,812	24,134	101	
All Other	2,100	2,100	100	39,699	40,575	102	
Tobacco:							
All			97			101	
Burley			99			98	
Type 22 E. Fired			76			77	
Type 23 W. Fired			77			77	
Type 35 One			80			79	
Type 36 Grn River			77			77	
All Wheat (Pl) 1/	550	550	100	59,617	60,085	101	
All Wheat (H)	360	360	100	48,653	47,628	98	
Barley (Pl) 1/	9	9	100	4,967	5,048	102	
Barley (H)	8	8	100	4.289	4.499	105	

1/ Includes acreage planted preceding fall. (Pl) = Planted, (H) = Harvested. Crops not so indicated are harvested.

JUNE 1 HOG & PIG INVENTORY

<u>U.S.</u> inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2002, was 59.8 million head. This was 2 percent above both June 2001, and March 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.21 million head, was up slightly from June 1, 2001, but down slightly from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 53.6 million head, was 2 percent above both last year and last quarter.

The March-May 2002 <u>U.S.</u> pig crop, at 25.9 million head, was 1 percent more than both 2001 and 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.93 million head, 2 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.81 pigs saved per litter for the March-May 2002 period, compared to 8.89 pigs

last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 8.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

<u>U.S.</u> hog producers intend to have 2.93 million sows farrow during the June-August 2002 quarter, 2 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001, and 1 percent above 2000. Intended farrowings for September-November 2002, at 2.92 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2001, and up 3 percent from 2000. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 32 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, down from 35 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS BY CLASS & WEIGHT GROUPS

JUNE 1, 2001 - 2002, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

	TOT	AL	BREED	ING	MAF	KET	MARKET HOGS							
	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	Under	60 lbs.	60-1	19 lbs	120-1	179 lbs	180	lbs +
State	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Head	2001	Head	2001	Head	2001	(1,000 Head)							
AR	595	92	100	95	495	91	190	255	140	60	115	85	100	95
CO	750	99	150	88	600	102	335	310	65	90	75	90	115	110
IL	4,250	104	450	107	3,800	103	1,320	1,400	950	950	760	800	650	650
IN	3,150	100	330	94	2,820	101	1,040	1,000	680	720	540	580	540	520
IA	15,400	103	1,130	101	14,270	104	4,350	4,520	3,800	3,870	3,080	3,280	2,550	2,600
KS	1,540	101	165	100	1,375	101	475	510	295	295	240	250	355	320
MI	910	99	110	100	800	99	315	310	215	195	155	155	125	140
MN	5,900	102	580	98	5,320	102	2,140	2,130	1,300	1,320	1,050	1,110	720	760
MO	3,050	100	380	97	2,670	100	1,320	1,190	560	620	480	520	300	340
NE	2,900	100	395	110	2,505	99	1,050	1,020	650	630	490	480	350	375
NC	9,800	101	1,000	100	8,800	101	3,600	3,600	2,110	2,100	1,620	1,650	1,370	1,450
OH	1,500	103	170	106	1,330	102	530	540	325	325	280	290	165	175
OK	2,420	111	320	97	2,100	113	850	920	310	280	270	290	430	610
PA	1,070	104	130	108	940	103	360	350	235	240	175	180	140	170
SD	1,270	100	140	100	1,130	100	430	410	280	295	245	250	175	175
TX	990	115	105	111	885	116	270	290	150	230	150	165	195	200
WI	530	93	65	87	465	94	195	165	115	115	100	100	85	85
Other 1/	3,812	101	489	101	3,322	101	1,153	1,220	812	774	711	683	602	645
U.S.	59,837	102	6,209	100	53,627	102	19,923	20,140	12,992	13,109	10,536	10,958	8,967	9,420

1/Individual state estimates not available for the 33 other States. Kentucky included in other States.

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for May 2002 totaled 154 million pounds, down 1 percent from May 2001. Average number of milk cows on farms, at 123,000 head, down 6,000 head from May 2001 but unchanged from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,250 pounds for May 2002, up 50 pounds from May 2001 and up 10 pounds from April 2002.

Milk Production in the <u>20 major States</u> during May totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from May 2001. April revised production, at 12.6 billion pounds, was up 3.3 percent from April 2001. The April revision respresented an increase of 0.3 percent or 42 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,681 pounds for May, 49 pounds above May 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 14,000 head more than May 2001, and 9,000 head more than April 2002.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.94 million head on June 1, 2002. The inventory was 3 percent below June 1, 2001 and slightly below June 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.23 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.16 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 434,000, 700-799 pounds were 744,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 699,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 1 percent below 2001 and slightly below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during May, 29 percent below 2001 and 37 percent below 2000.

Cattle on feed June 1, 2002, in the 7 States 1/ for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.42 million, down 2 percent from the previous year and down slightly from June 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.95 million, 5 percent below 2001 and 2 percent below 2000. Marketings during May totaled 1.86 million, 1 percent below 2001 and slightly below 2000. Other disappearance during May was 61,000 head, 31 percent below 2001 and 28 percent below 2000. 1/AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

GRAIN PRICES INCREASE

Mid-month prices received by **Kentucky** farmers were up for crops while generally lower for livestock.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over at mid-June averaged \$73.00 per cwt., down \$1.00 from the previous month. Prices turned lower in late 2001 as the June 2001 price was \$88.00 per cwt. Beef cows averaged \$40.00 per cwt., down \$1.00 from a month earlier and \$7.00 from a year earlier. Prices received for calves averaged \$84.00 per cwt., down \$4.00 from May and \$18.00 lower than June a year earlier. Calves were at their lowest price since November 2001.

The mid-month price for <u>barrow and gilts</u> at \$31.00 per cwt., was unchanged from May while \$19.00 below a year earlier. <u>Sows</u> averaged \$20.00 per cwt., down \$3.00 from a month earlier and \$21.00 from June 2001. The mid-June price was the lowest sow price since July 1999.

The <u>all milk</u> price was \$12.80 per cwt., down 20 cents from May and \$4.50 from a year earlier. The mid-month price was the lowest since April 1999.

The mid-June corn price was \$2.05 per bushel, up 4 cents from the previous month while down 2 cents from June a year ago. Soybean price was \$4.85 per bushel, up 4 cents from the May price and 19 cents from June 2001. This was the highest soybean price since August 2001. Winterwheat averaged \$2.70 per bushel. This was up 22 cents from the previous month and 35 cents from June a year earlier.

The preliminary <u>U.S.</u> All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May was 97, based on 1990-92=100, up 1 point (1.0 percent) from the revised May index. Higher prices for eggs, broilers, broccoli, and hogs offset decreased prices for cantaloupe, cattle, milk, and peaches. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupe more than offset decreased marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and sweet corn.

Compared with June last year, the All Farm Products Index was down 9 points (8.4 percent). Lower prices for cattle, broilers, hogs, and celery more than offset higher prices for potatoes, corn, eggs, and wheat.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -(Dollars)

		K	ENTUCKY		US
		JUNE	MAY	JUNE	JUNE
COMMODITY	UNI	2001	2002	2002	2002
	T	Entire I	Month	Mid-N	Ionth <u>a</u> /
All Corn <u>b</u> / <u>c</u> /	Bu.	2.07	2.01	2.05	1.94
Soybeans <u>b</u> /	Bu.	4.66	4.81	4.85	4.79
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	2.35	2.48	2.70	2.86
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	100.00	95.00	95.00	102.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	58.00	55.00	55.00	73.20
All Hogs	Cwt.	49.60	30.70	30.60	34.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	50.00	31.00	31.00	35.20
Sows	Cwt.	41.00	23.00	20.00	21.60
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	78.20	66.10	65.10	63.00
Steers & Heifers <u>e</u> /	Cwt.	88.00	74.00	73.00	65.80
Cows	Cwt.	47.00	41.00	40.00	38.70
Calves <u>f</u> /	Cwt.	102.00	88.00	84.00	94.90
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	17.30	13.00	12.80	11.90
Fluid g/	Cwt.	17.30	13.00		11.90
Manufactured	Cwt.	13.10	10.10		10.80
Hog-Corn Ratios h/	Bu.	24.0	15.3	14.9	17.8

<u>a/ Preliminary.</u> <u>b/ Includes contract sales paid during month.</u> <u>c/ Includes yellow and white corn.</u> <u>d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined.</u> <u>e/ 500 lbs.</u> and over. <u>f/ Under 500 lbs.</u> <u>g/ Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing.</u> <u>h/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.</u>

SLAUGHTER HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in May, up 4 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in May 2001 and a new record high for May. May 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

				May '()2 % of
Type	May	Apr	May	May	Apr
	2001	2002	2002	2001	2002
		Million Pou	nds	Pero	cent
Beef	2,294	2,194	2,336	102	106
Veal	16.0	16.1	15.4	97	96
Pork	1,555	1,673	1,647	106	98
Lamb & Mutton	16.8	19.1	19.5	116	102
Total U.S.	3,882	3,902	4,018	104	103
Total Kentucky	31.5	36.8	35.4	112	96

^{1/}Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/

	Number Slaughtered			tal Weight	Average Live Weight				
			Live	vv eigin	Live weight				
Type	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002			
	1,000 Head		1,000	1,000 Pounds		ands			
KENTUCKY									
Cattle	1.3	1.3	1,162	1,147	900	874			
Hogs	157.4	175.3	41,215	46,301	262	264			
Sheep & Lambs	0.9	1.0	111	139	131	140			
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	3,199.8	3,146.5	3,787,266	3,848,261	1,184	1,223			
Hogs	7,958.6	8,326.2	2,100,387	2,219,387	264	267			
Sheep & Lambs	238.9	284.1	33,784	39,252	141	138			

 $[\]overline{1}/$ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

JUNE 1 GRAIN STOCKS

<u>Corn</u> stocks in <u>Kentucky</u> totaled 30.3 million bushels on June 1, 2002. The June 1 stocks was up 5 percent from 2001 and the largest June 1 stocks in 9 years. Corn stored on farms totaled 17.5 million bushels, down 3 percent from the previous year. Corn stored in off-farm facilities, at 12.8 million bushels, was up 18 percent from June 2001 and the largest June 1 stocks since 1988. Off-farm stocks, grain stored at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors, made up 42 percent of total stocks stored. Soybean and wheat stocks estimates in Kentucky were made only for off-farm stocks. <u>Soybean</u> off-farm stocks totaled 4.86 million bushels as of June 2002, this was up 92 percent from a year earlier and the largest June stocks in 5 years. Off-farm stocks of <u>all wheat</u> totaled 2.16 million bushels, down 37 percent from June 2001. <u>Grain sorghum, oats</u> and <u>barley</u> stored in off-farm facilities were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<u>U.S. corn</u> stocks in all positions on June 1, 2002 totaled 3.59 billion bushels, down 8 percent from June 1, 2001. Of the total stocks, 2.02 billion bushels were stored on farms, down 9 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.57 billion bushels, were down 7 percent from the previous year. <u>Soybeans</u> stored in all positions on June 1, 2002 totaled 684 million bushels, down 3 percent from June 1, 2001. On-farm stocks totaled 301 million bushels, down 17 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 383 million bushels, were up 11 percent from a year ago. <u>All wheat</u> stored in all positions on June 1, 2002 totaled 772 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks were estimated at 212 million bushels, up 7 percent fromlast year. Off-farm stocks, at 560 million bushels, were down 18 percent from a year ago.

KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES STOCKS OF GRAIN, JUNE 1, 2002 WITH COMPARISONS

			KENTUCKY			UNITED STATES			
CROP	POSITION	June 1, 2001	March 1, 2002	June 1, 2002	June 1, 2001	March 1, 2002	June 1, 2002		
(Thousand Bushels)									
Corn	On-Farm	18,000	39,000	17,500	2,230,800	3,355,000	2,020,600		
	Off-Farm 1/	10,830	23,755	12,768	1,693,158	2,440,261 <u>5</u> /	1,573,385		
	Total	28,830	62,755	30,268	3,923,958	5,795,261 <u>5</u> /	3,593,985		
Sorghum	On-Farm	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	19,000	38,100	17,300		
	Off-Farm 1/	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	57,411	156,007 <u>5</u> /	88,524		
	Total	2/ 4/ 2/	2/ 4/ 2/	2/ 4/ 2/	76,411	194,107 <u>5</u> /	105,824		
Oats	On-Farm	<u>3</u> /	<u>3</u> /	<u>3</u> /	32,050	40,200 <u>5</u> /	28,650		
	Off-Farm 1/	109	<u>3</u> / <u>4</u> / <u>4</u> /	<u>3</u> / <u>4</u> / <u>4</u> /	40,677	53,157 <u>5</u> /	34,537		
	Total	109	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	72,727	93,357 <u>5</u> /	63,187		
Barley	On-Farm	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	28,850	46,000	23,210		
	Off-Farm 1/	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	77,409	95,748 <u>5</u> /	69,631		
	Total	2/ 4/ 2/	2/ 4/ 2/	2/ 4/ 2/	106,259	141,748 <u>5</u> /	92,841		
All Wheat	On-Farm	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	197,270	338,500	211,830		
	Off-Farm 1/	3,428	3,849	2,158	678,912	871,268 <u>5</u> /	560,075		
	Total	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	876,182	1,209,768 <u>5</u> /	771,905		
Soybeans	On-Farm	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	365,000	687,000	301,200		
	Off-Farm 1/	2,538	7,823	4,861	343,180	648,987 <u>5</u> /	382,573		
	Total	2/	<u>2</u> /	2/	708,180	1,335,987 <u>5</u> /	683,773		

<u>1</u>/Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. <u>2</u>/Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately. <u>3</u>/On-Farm oat stocks estimates not made. <u>4</u>/Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. <u>5</u>/Revised.

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